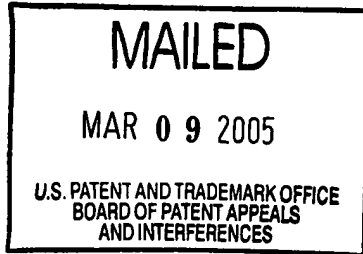


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte HIROSHI TAKANASHI
and
TOMOYA KUDO

Application No. 09/739,750

COMMUNICATION


An ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER was mailed May 6, 2004, which requested that the examiner have the \$320 Appeal Brief fee be charged. It is noted that the requested fee has now been charged. Accordingly, an appeal number will be

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issued and the case will be assigned in due course to a merits panel for consideration and decision on the written record.

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